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of a cause undertaken to return repeated accusations. Contributors will therefore present

all communications, whether on business or personal, should be addressed to W. J. MORTAGE, Proprietor, National Republican, Washington, D. C.

RECEPTIONS.

Mrs. GRANT'S RECEPTIONS.—Mrs. Grant's receptions will be held every Tuesday during the session, between the hours of 2 p. m. and 4 p. m.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

At the Russian Legation Madame de Catteau will receive on Thursdays, from 2 until 5 p. m.

At the Argentine Legation Madame de Garcia will receive on alternate Mondays evenings, commencing on Monday, January 3, and will be at home on Saturdays, from 4 until 5 p. m.

HOPE FOR CUBA.

In the House yesterday, Mr. Banks, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, introduced resolutions, which were referred to that committee, in relation to the contest between the people of Cuba and the Government of Spain, authorizing the President to declare and maintain strict impartial neutrality on the part of the United States Government, in the contest now existing between the people of Cuba and Spain. It also provides for the repeal of existing neutrality laws, so far as alleged violations on the part of the people of those nations may concern this Government.

The terms of speech recently made by prominent men of both Houses, leave no room for doubt that the resolution offered by Mr. Banks will meet with the hearty approval of a very large majority of the Senators and Representatives. And this is strictly true in a representative sense, for they but reflect the existing opinion of the masses, the press and the people. Can any good reason be urged why these resolutions should not pass? The question involved is familiar to the American people. It is nearly two years since the Cubans dared assert their freedom, and for over eighteen months they have struggled against the formidable power of the Spanish Government.

The history of the contest is that of a people patricially in earnest. The combined resources of their oppressors have failed to check the ardor of the Cubans. In spite of the false reports circulated and means used by the Spanish authorities to injure the Cuban cause, it has gradually gained ground until a recognition of their belligerent rights has come to be an act of justice.

When the time for legislative action comes—and let us sincerely hope that day is close at hand—let the resolutions offered by Mr. Banks be passed without a dissenting voice.

Personal.

William Faxon, of Hartford, Conn., Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who has been for the past year traveling in Europe, is expected to return to his home in the early part of June next.

It is said that Mr. Thornton, the British minister, has received through Prince Arthur a notification of the intention of her Majesty, the Queen, to claim a baroncy, in appreciation of his diplomatic services while in this country.

Edward H. Flushing, of Virginia; R. H. Morrison, of Michigan; A. C. Harry and Stoddard Judd, of Wisconsin, prominent members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, L. O. O. F., are in town.

Wm. Chiller Bryant is said to be worth half a million, and all snugly invested.

Ex-Governor Bullock, of Massachusetts, is being "busted" by Rogers, the Boston sculptor.

Bishop Simpson is lecturing in Boston on the "Failure of our Country."

The venerable Jos. Walker, of Johnson County, Missouri, now eighty-two years of age, first emigrated to Missouri in 1835. He is a grand nephew of Daniel Boone.

Miss Hopy Hollands has been voted the handsomest girl in Marion, Illinois. Of what Christian name can "Hopy" be the fashionable contraction?

One of the wedding gifts to Mark Twain's heirs was a completely-furnished home. His next work, we presume, will be "Innocents at Home."

General Francis Fessenden is a candidate for Mayor of Portland, Maine.

Mr. Mary E. Walker delivered a lecture in New Orleans on Wednesday last at the St. Charles street theatre, on "Men's Rights, Women's Wrongs and Women's Duties."

Annie Burton, formerly Miss Hamlin, of New York, who married Prince Louis Bonaparte, gave birth to a princess in Hayau last week.

Bingham Young is anxious that some one with money should build a hotel at Salt Lake City.

How. D. Washburn, Montana; Hon. A. E. Mayhew, Dyer Lodge, M. T.; James Coates and wife, Montreal; C. V. Follett, Albany, N. Y.; D. Davis, New York; A. H. Wright, Brattleboro, Vt.; E. A. Budd and wife, New Jersey; J. McCabe and wife, Colchester; Colonel C. H. Snow, of Virginia; Wm. L. and Mrs. Wm. H. Wailes, of Reading, Pa., are at St. James' Hotel.

James H. Bunting, New Jersey; W. H. Holtz, North Carolina; F. Allen and wife, City General Byrne, Kansas; Mr. J. F. Thornton, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. John Parker, New York; Robert W. Lamb, New York; Dr. J. P. Arce, Colorado Territory; Robert Wharton, Boston, Mass.; William Waters, Baltimore, Md.; M. H. Justis, Kansas; Harry W. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Oliver West, Michigan; T. H. Hunt, Kansas; E. J. Peters, Washington, D. C., are at the St. Cloud Hotel.

New Publications.

From Messrs. French, Langdon & Gould, 334 Pennsylvania Avenue, we have the following publications of D. Appleton & Co., New York: "The Natural Speaker," being selections to aid the student in acquiring a single, natural and business-like style of speaking. By Joseph Alden, D. B. L. D., of the New York State Normal School, with a note by James Cash, D. B. L. D.

"Red as a Rose is Wiltz." A novel, by the author of "No. Sixty," but Too Well," she.

"The Mastery Series: Manual for Learning Spanish," by Thomas Prendergast, late of the civil service at Madrid.

"Everybody's Lawyer," and Book of Forms; containing the laws of all the States upon the subjects named, with instructions upon all legal subjects, by Frank Crosby, of the Philadelphia bar; revised to date by S. J. Vanderveer, of the same bar. Published by John H. Potter & Co., Philadelphia.

"Blackwood's" for January.

"Westminster" for January.

From Jos. Schlesinger & Co. we have "The Maled Widower," a sequel to "The Family Doctor," by Mrs. Southworth. T. D. Peterson & Bros., publishers, Philadelphia.

Condition of the Freedmen.

Mr. Alford writes from Atlanta, Ga.: ATLANTA, GA., JANUARY 25, 1861.
Breast Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

DEAR GENERAL:—I do not suppose I have been much occupied with the political situation; I imagined you would like to know the facts. Georgia will be very much interested in theocracy as is now going on at its capital prevailing.

I have to-day finished the examination of schools in and around this city. The American Missionary Association schools have been doing well, and the colored schools are doing well. There are two or three small private schools, but not many more. Catholics, so far as I can learn, are not doing nothing here, though proclaiming much progress. By far the most important institution here is the new "Atlanta University." The location is beautiful, overlooking the city, on the prairie ground where the rebels landed, and the school buildings are in process. The building is very substantial, economically constructed, and has about one hundred and forty pupils in all, sixtieth of whom are boarders, and were all educated in the English system. A full attendance is secured. The order and neatness in rooms and halls, good behavior, even high culture at meals and elsewhere is very striking. We scarcely equal it at our own university.

Teachers are interposed at table with the students, and all seems like a great well-bred and happy family. It is a remarkable provision with money for self-employment, come provided with money for self-employment. I can see that, in view of the coming prosperity of the freedmen, more, many more, will undertake to do this to the best of their ability. All friends of the colored race will be invited to attend the opening of the school, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

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